

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 11, I was unable to be present for three recorded votes. Had I voted, I would have voted: "no" on Rollcall vote No. 351 (on the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair); "yes" on Rollcall vote No. 352 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 2642 with instructions); and "no" on Rollcall vote No. 353 (on passage of H.R. 2642).

CELEBRATING BILL GRAY

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2013

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letters regarding William Gray.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 10, 2013.

CONGRESSMAN CHAKA FATTAH: I was deeply saddened upon learning of the untimely passing of Congressman William H. Gray, III, which occurred on July 1, 2013. Congressman Gray had a dynamic and overwhelming personality that touched the lives of thousands of people through his endless humanitarian efforts.

My life was personally touched by Congressman Gray, when he appointed me to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. I also owe my military career in a large part to him.

Our nation has lost one of its finest and distinguished senior statesmen. Congressman Gray was the epitome of a political, religious, and civic leader. He made an indelible impact on the hearts and minds of everyone whose lives he touched. He lived his life striving to improve the quality of life for all mankind. Let this be a living testament to his distinguished legacy.

Congressman Gray was also blessed with a wonderful wife and fine sons. He had the support of the Bright Hope Baptist Church Family of Philadelphia, various political colleagues and brethren in the ministry, and many friends.

I extend my deepest condolences to his family. My prayers and thoughts will continue to be with them.

Sincerely,

R. SETH WILLIAMS,

District Attorney, City of Philadelphia.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM H. GRAY

(By Hon. Robert A. Brady, July 8, 2013)

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my friend and Congressman, Bill Gray. Reverend Gray was an historic figure in Philadelphia and in this country. His contributions to this nation are well known to all of us. So, I'd like to take a moment and just focus on his impact in my own life.

Bill represented my community in the House for many years. He was one of my

most important mentors and supporters as I rose through ranks in Philadelphia politics. I was a ward leader in his district, and was proud to return his support every two years. I leaned on Bill for his wise counsel on how to serve my constituents. He helped me to be a better ward leader, a better party chair, and a better congressman. But, the best counsel I got from Bill was not professional advice. His best advice was about how to be a better father and a better husband while doing this job. He demonstrated that philosophy by his close business relationship with his son, who was by his side at almost every meeting.

During our frequent dinners, Bill would make sure I understood that I had to get back to Philadelphia as much as I can. He told me to put my family and my neighborhood first and to make sure that I didn't ever forget why I came to Washington in the first place.

Bill never lost his love for Philadelphia. He and I were working together until the last weeks of his life. He was doing all he could to help our Free Libraries, to build jobs at Comcast and to protect the people of his beloved North Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, Philadelphia, this country and this House will be much poorer for Bill Gray's passing. I urge my colleagues to join the entire Pennsylvania delegation in honoring him today.

IN RECOGNITION OF REV. DR.
HENRY P. DAVIS, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rev. Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr. on his 40th Pastoral Anniversary and his retirement as Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. Dr. Davis has dedicated 40 years to leading the church and serving the community and his contributions are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Dr. Davis began serving as Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church in 1973. Since that time, twelve individuals entered the ministry, eight of which now serve as pastors, including his son, Dr. Henry P. Davis, III of the First Baptist Church of Highland Park, New Jersey. He has provided outstanding mentorship and spiritual guidance to his congregation. He has also served as the Secretary of the Moderator's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. for 13 years.

Dr. Davis earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University and his Master of Divinity degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. In addition, Dr. Davis also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Huston-Tillotson College in Houston, Texas and a Master of Education degree from Prairie View A&M University.

In addition to his service to St. Paul Baptist Church, Dr. Davis is an active member of his community. He serves as President of the Greater Red Bank Chapter of the NAACP;

Dean of Education of the Monmouth Bible Institute in Farmingdale, New Jersey; and moderator of the Seacoast Missionary Baptist Association.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Davis on his pastoral anniversary and retirement and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service and leadership to the St. Paul Baptist Church congregation.

RECOGNIZING MR. ERNEST
"ERNIE" W. CONNER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ernest "Ernie" Conner as he is honored as the Daughters of the American Revolution's National Outstanding Veteran Volunteer of 2013. His longstanding service to our nation and his commitment to serving as a strong advocate for veterans make Ernie Conner most deserving of this honor.

A retired Master Sergeant of the United States Air Force, Ernie understands first-hand the virtue of serving our nation. From January 1955 until June 1976, Ernie honorably served the United States with two tours in Vietnam. He flew 150 missions in B-52 Stratofortress. Due to his dedicated service, Ernie received the Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Good Conduct Medal with two bronze loops. His loyalty and devotion to our country is remarkable and highly commendable.

A tireless advocate for all veterans, Ernie believes it is his duty to remember the men and women who defend our freedoms with courage. He has served as the Chair of the Veterans Service Committee, Americanism Committee and the Support the Troops campaign for the Merced Elks Lodge for the past seven years. Through his efforts, the Support the Troops program has secured the donation of over four tons of almonds and various care packages that are sent to our deployed troops. In order to keep this program going, he organizes several fundraisers as well as reaching out to local businesses for support. Ernie also organizes the Elk veterans' participation in the Annual Merced Veterans Day parade, including assisting in construction of the float. He is involved in putting on regular Recognition dinners for our Veterans and their families, including the Blue and Gold Star families. In total, Ernie volunteers over 2,000 hours annually to help serve the needs of our veterans.

A veteran and great American, Ernie's longstanding dedication to service is truly a reflection of his superior moral character. As a Merced County Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard active member, Ernie is committed to ensure proper burial services for our local veterans. He helps provide solace and peace of mind to grieving families during these

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difficult times. As long as Ernie is involved, veterans will never be forgotten.

In addition to his significant community work, Ernie is a loving husband, father and grandfather. He and his wife Joanne have been married for 55 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ernie Conner for his unwavering allegiance to our veteran community. He truly exemplifies the best of what America has to offer.

IN HONOR OF JUDY SMITH

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor a passionate voice for American values and her community.

My dear friend, Judy Smith is retiring as Precinct 72 chair, a position she has held since the Precinct's founding in 1998. For

nearly three decades, Republicans in Harris and Montgomery County have counted on Judy and her dedication to our democratic process.

It has been my honor to call Judy and her husband, Bob, my friends for many years. We have all been in awe of the amazing growth of her precinct's Republican participation rate. It's over 5 times what she started with and has the highest percentage Republican turnout in the entire county. Because she never takes success for granted, she has held that turnout record for the entire 15 years she's been Precinct 72 chair.

Judy served two terms on the State Republican Executive Committee, as Chairman of both Senatorial District 7 in Harris County and District 3 in Montgomery County and as a delegate for the last three national conventions.

I remember well when Judy and Dorothy Woodall organized the North Shore Republican Women. Judy served as president in its first years, before serving as the Texas Federation of Republican Women Co-Chairman of Victory 2002, Chairman for TFRW State 2004 Voter Registration, 2006–2007 Vice President

of Membership, and 2008–2010 Vice President of Programs and currently as Co-Chairman of Patrons.

These are just some of the many accomplishments that led to her being honored as one of the TFRW's Ten Outstanding Republican women in Texas in 2005. As a member and a former Regent of the National Federation of Republican Women, she helped bring the Texas success story to the White House.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Willis, Judy and Bob have been married for 55 years, raised 3 grown children and are currently enjoying being grandparents. Much soul searching led my friend, Judy, to step down as chairman of what she called 'a great experience'. I just would like her—and the entire country—to know how much we all appreciate what she has done for her country.

This weekend, the North Shore Republican Women's club are hosting a retirement picnic for Judy in Bentwater. But her presence will continue to be felt, because of the amazing example she has set for us all.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 17

9 a.m.
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Missile Defense Agency.

SD-192

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
To receive a closed briefing on the major threats facing Navy forces and the Navy's current and projected capabilities to meet those threats.

SVC-217

10 a.m.
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection
To hold hearings to examine the consumer debt industry.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance
To hold hearings to examine the expansion of internet gambling, focusing on assessing consumer protection concerns.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Samantha Power, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security at 10 years, focusing on harnessing science and technology to protect national security and enhance government efficiency.

SD-342

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

1 p.m.
Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine working together to restore the protections of the "Voting Rights Act", focusing on Selma and *Shelby County*.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SH-216

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
To hold closed hearings to examine revisions to the nuclear employment strategy.

SVC-217

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine E-Rate 2.0, focusing on connecting every child to technology.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Catherine M. Russell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, Department of State.

SD-419

3 p.m.
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine small business tax reform, focusing on making the tax code work for entrepreneurs and startups.

SR-428A

JULY 18

9:30 a.m.
Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General Martin E. Dempsey, USA for reappointment to the grade of general and reappointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and reappointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the current state of clean energy finance in the United States and opportunities to facilitate greater investment in domestic clean energy technology development and deployment.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Todd M. Hughes, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Colin Stirling Bruce, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, Sara Lee Ellis, and Andrea R. Wood, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Madeline Hughes Haikala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies and the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-106

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine climate change.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to Congress.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of F. Scott Kieff, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

SD-215

Select Committee on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JULY 22

3 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Army Corps of Engineers water management in the Apalachicola-Chat-tahoochee-Flint (ACF) and the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) river systems.

SD-406

JULY 23

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the 90/10 rule, focusing on improving educational outcomes for our military and veterans.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To resume hearings to examine S. 1273, to establish a partnership between States that produce energy onshore and offshore for our country with the Federal Government.

SD-366

JULY 24

10 a.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann Miller Ravel, of California, and Lee E. Goodman, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

SR-301

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights
To hold hearings to examine closing Guantanamo, focusing on the national security, fiscal, and human rights implications.

SD-226

Special Committee on Aging
To hold hearings to examine payday loans.

SD-562

JULY 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine supplemental funding options to support the National Park Service's efforts to address deferred maintenance and operational needs.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine the issues associated with aging water resource infrastructure in the United States.

SD-366

AUGUST 1

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration's response.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 11

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for

fiscal year 2014 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-138

POSTPONEMENTS

JULY 17

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 235, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, and S. 920, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.

SD-628